

La Quinta, California  
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Dear Doctor Katz:

Many thanks for your letter! I am enclosing a copy of a Bill for Research in Diseases of the Heart and Arteries, just introduced by Senator Pepper, in case you have not seen it.

I think it is important for the American Heart Association (in fact all heart groups and people interested in the subject of research in this field) to get together and demand hearings for a bill of this sort. Naturally, this sort of bill is tremendously to the advantage of all the members of the Heart Association, as they would undoubtedly get large grant-in-aid for research under it - not only for basic research, but for clinical research - and a group of pilot research centers, both for clinical and basic research could be built.

The reason why a bill for a large sum such as is suggested in this bill, seems to me to be good, is that it will allow prompt expansion of a program without waiting for an undue length of time to start necessary building and purchase of equipment, and that dynamic action could be planned under such a bill.

Naturally, there probably are many suggestions that might be incorporated into it; but the main thing is for a group to stand by the principle of a really big-scale dynamic research program in this main cause of death. I know you agree with me on this!

Will you let me know how much activity you think the Heart Association will do in behalf of getting something real like this in action?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. This bill is better than the Cancer Research Bill, as it allows specifically the building of facilities.